

BILLY VAN A SANTA CLAUS ON HIS FARM

"The Errand Boy" Company Will Have a New Hampshire Dinner.

TO SERVE FROM A WAGON

By Eleanor Ames.

In Winter, "The Errand Boy" is a summer, the milkman—that's the Bill B. Van driving the year.

From October until May he's "The Errand Boy," and from May until October he's the milkman.

And Billy Van is going to be Santa Claus. Each member of the company is counting the hours until Sunday, for Billy Van is going to give a Van farm dinner on the train as they all waltz along toward Montpelier.

George Mills, N. H. is a very real place. The Van farm is there, and on Christmas day "The Errand Boy" and his companions will pass through Puter Place, which is a town twelve miles from there. When the train arrives at Puter Place there will be awaiting it a merry Christmas dinner, his fine breakfast with coffee and his wagon loaded with a typical Christmas dinner from the Van farm.

What a Feast!

There will be an array of roast of turkey, a barrel of Van apples, Van celery and potatoes and cranberries, to say nothing of rice and cakes and puddings.

Between Puter place and White River Junction Mr. and Mrs. Billy Van will act as hosts at the first Christmas dinner of their married life.

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SPRINGFIELD MAN PROUD FATHER OF 20 CHILDREN



SPRINGFIELD PARENTS OF 20 CHILDREN.

Boasts 19 Children, 12 of Whom Are Living, by His Present Wife.

SPRINGFIELD, Dec. 24.—The birth of a daughter, Marie Corinne Star, has given Joseph O. Vesina, of No. 101 William street, the honor of having the father of twenty children, of whom twelve are still living.

Mr. Vesina is a native of St. Bonaventura, Canada, and is fifty-four years of age. He lived in Canada until eleven years ago, when he moved to Upper Lake, N. Y. He and a half year ago he moved to Springfield.

He was married in 1874 to a daughter, Marie Corinne Star, who died a few months later. He then married a second wife, who died in 1879. She was Marie Vesina, of St. Bonaventura, Canada, and was the mother of twelve children, of whom twelve are still living.

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80 CENT GAS CAMPAIGN OF EDUCATION

Central Council of Improvement Associations Plans Effective Work.

HEARING RESUMED JAN. 2

The movement on the part of the Central Council of Boston Improvement Associations in favor of more effective and concerted action on the question of eighty-cent gas, and the more important matter of reorganization of the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, is gaining strength daily.

The sub-committee of the council, appointed a week ago, is planning a program of action which will be outlined in the early morning of a meeting to be held in the near future.

This program, in accordance with the Central Council's plan, will provide for the placing of each of the twenty-five gas companies in the city under the control of a committee of citizens, which will be empowered to discuss the gas question, and to bring the matter before the city council.

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NEWS OF THE THEATRES

Boston theatregoers will have the opportunity of seeing *Requiem* at the lowest prices to which also will play during her American tour. This is due to the insistence of the Boston Theatre, Her management, made by the managers of *Requiem* in consideration of the enormous seating capacity of the Boston Theatre. Her management will open January 9, and the sale of seats will begin a week from Monday.

A great deal of interest is felt among that part of Boston's population which is of Irish birth or descent in the appearance of *Requiem*. It is a play which will be well worth the time and money which it will cost to see it. It is a play which will be well worth the time and money which it will cost to see it.

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